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DENT MARCOS ON THE PHILIPPINE REVIEW OF US/RP DEFENSE RALTIONS. THE REMARKS WERE MADE TO STUDENTS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES. COMMENTARY WILL FOLLOW IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

QUOTE: FIRST OF ALL, ALLOW ME TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR IMPENDING GRADUATION. THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS BECOME ONE OF THE PREMIER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR HIG SR MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING. THE COLLEGE IS OPEN NOT ONLY TO THE MILITARY BUT TO THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. IT IS NOW AUTHORIZED TO INCLUDE A MASTER'S DEGREE IN THE NEW CURICULUM WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND BY MY OFFICE. THE DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES THEREFORE IS, CONTRARY TO THE IMPRESSION AMONG THE GREAT NUMBER OF OUR PEOPLE, NOT JUST A MILITARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION. WHILE IT TRAINS MEN FOR PLANNING AND DECISION MAKING WHICH MAY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BE CONNECTED WITH STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND WHICH OF COURSE, MAY BE MILITARY, THE FACT IS THAT THE COURSES NOW ARE VARIED AND WELL ROUNDED.

I CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY, THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER GENERAL SYJUCO FOR THE FINE GROUP OF GRADUATES THAT HAVE COME OUT OF THE COLLEGE.

I HAVE ATTENDED INVARIABLY ALL OF THA GRADUATIONS. I LIKE THE CUSTOM FOR THE PRESIDENT TO ATTDND THE GRADUATION OF ALL THE CADETS OF THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY ACADEMY, AND LATER ON, I PRESUME ALSO THE ROTC. I HAVE OFTEN TAKEN TIME OUT TO ATTEND THE GRADUATION OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE GRADUATES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE EVENTS OF LAST YEAR PREVENTED MY COMING TO THE COLLEGE. I WILL MAKE UP FOR IT THIS YEAR, I HOPE, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS FINE GROUP OF GRADUATES, MOST OF WHOM I PERSONALLY KNOW. I'M AWARE OF THDSFACT THAT THIS IS AN ELEVEN-MONTH COURSE, MUCH LONGER THAN SOME OF THE COURSES THAT WE ARE GIVING IN THE OTHER ACADEMIES, THE OTHER DISCIPLINES THAT WE HAVE INSTITUTED, LIKE THE COURSE IN THE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR THE CAREER EXECUTIVE SERVICE, AND THE OTHER TRAIN-

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ING ACADEMIES GOING ON IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE GOVERNMENT INCLUDING THOSE IN THE MILITARY.

ON THIS OCCASION, I CHALLENGE THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE AND THE STUDENTS TO KEEP CURRENT WITH CONTEMPORARY EVENTS. PERHAPS, IT IS NOW NECESSARY FOR THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE TO MOVE WITH THE STRATEGIC BODIES INTO THIS NEW QUESTION THAT HAS BEEN RAISED BY THE INDOCHINA DEVELOP-

MENT. YOU ARE AWARE OF THE STATEMENT THAT I HAVE ISSUED ON THIS SUBJECT. YOU'RE AWARE THAT STUDIES HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR THE PAST YEAR OR TWO ON THE MILITARY AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES. THE RE-ASSESSMENT HAS RESULTED, IN THE PAST, FIRST, IN THE TRANSFER OF SOME OF THE BASES TO THE PHILIPPINES.

IF YOU WILL REMEMBER IN 1966, I VISITED THE UNITED STATES. ONE OF MY FIRST ACTS WHEN I BECAME PRESIDENT IN 1965 WAS TO MOVE FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE TENURE OF THE MILITARY BASES FROM 99 YEARS TO 25. THIS WAS SIGNED IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER IN 1966. THEN, SANGLEY POINT WHICH YOU WILL REMEMBER WAS AN AMERICAN BASE, WAS TRANSFERRED TO US. TEN THOUSAND HECTARES OF CLARK AIR FORCE BASE WAS RETURNED TO THE PHILIPPINES. FOUR HUNDRED HECTARES OF JOHN HAY AIR FORCE BASE WAS ALSO RETURNED TO THE PHILIPPINES. PARTS OF THE MILITARY RESERVATIONS IN ZAMBALES AND BATAAN WERE ALSO RETURNED TO THE PHILIPPINES AND VARIOUS OTHER MATTERS INCLUDING JURISDICTION AND TAXATIONS, SUPERVISION, ENTRY, ETC.

AS YOU KNOW THESE MATTERS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION QUIETLY BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT QUIET, UNPUBLICIZED DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE MORE REWARDING AND PRODUCTIVE THAN THOSE WELL PUBLICIZED IN MEDIA WHICH PORTRAY CONFLICTS AND CONFLICT OF VIEWS. HOWEVER, PERHAPS, IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR ME TO ISSUE A STATEMENT ON THIS OCCASION. WHAT COULD BE MORE FORTUITOUS AND PROPER OR TIMELY THAN NOW TO EXPLAIN HOW ALL THIS FUROR ABOUT THE MILITARY BASES HAD COME ABOUT TO THE MEN WHO STUDY THE STRATEGIC CONSEQUENCES OF VARIOUS INCIDENTS AND SITUATIONS ON THE LIFE OF THE PHILIPPINES, THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THE PORTALS OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE.

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I WOULD LIKE TO STATE OPENLY AND SUCCINCTLY OR CLEARLY THAT FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, FROM THE PHILIPPINE POINT OF VIEW, OUR CLOSEST ALLY, OUR MOST VALUABLE ALLY UP TO NOW IS STILL THE UNITED STATES. LET THERE BE NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS. THE SPECIAL RELATIONS MAY HAVE TERMINATED A LONG TIME AGO; FROM THE MOMENT WE RAISED OUR FLAG ALONE IN THE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES IN 1946, THAT SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TERMINATED. BUT YOU CANNOT WIPE OUT THE FACT THAT I, FOR INSTANCE, AN AMERICAN-TRAINED BOTH IN LAW AND IN THE MILITARY. MANY OF YOU HAVE MILITARY AND ACADEMIC BACK-UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUND THAT ARE AMERICAN. THERE IS A RESERVOIR OF GOODWILL FOR AMERICANS IN THE PHILIPPINES. WE ARE USED TO THEM MORE THAN WE ARE USED TO OTHER PEOPLE. WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY WOULD PROBABLY DO IN ANY GIVEN SITUATION.

AT LEAST WE THOUGHT SO UNTIL BATAAN, AND INDOCHINA. SOME OF YOU, I THINK, WERE OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE BEEN IN BATAAN WITH ME; AT LEAST THOSE IN THE STAFF OF THIS COLLEGE ARE. GENERAL SYJUCO WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS WITH ME IN BATAAN.

BUT YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT THERE WERE MANY ASSUMPTIONS THAT HAD TO BE ALTERED AND CHANGED AFTER THAT DEBACLE. WE FOUGHT ON--MANY OF US. MOST OF US WENT INTO THE UNDERGROUND. WE FOUGHT IN THE MOUNTAINS AFTER THE REGULAR TROOPS SURRENDERED.

WHAT THEN IS THIS APPARENT DISAGREEMENT THAT IS BEING PUBLICIZED IN THE MEDIA? WELL, IS THERE ANY HOSTILITY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES? ON THE PART OF THE PHILIPPINES, MAY I CLEARLY STATE THAT THE EFFORT TO REASSESS THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITH OTHER COUNTRIES--FOR WE ARE MEMBERS OF SEATO, THE SOUTHEAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION--AS WELL AS OUR PRESENT PARTNERS IN ASEAN, SUCH AS THE FBILATERAL ARRANGEMENT FOR JOINT PATROLS IN THE SOUTH WITH INDONESIA WHICH I AUTHORIZED OR RATHER I AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE DURING THE MENADO SUMMIT IN MAY OF 1974 AND LATER IMPLEMENTED WITH THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, SECRETARY JUAN PONCE ENRILE TO JAKARTA EARLY THIS YEAR--ALL THESE ARE AIMED AT CLARIFYING THE SECURITY SITUATION OF THE PHILIPPINES.

YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT WHEN THE PARACELS--THE SPRATLEYS, ARE FURTHER SOUTH IF YOU WILL REMEMBER--WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONFLICT AS TO OWNERSHIP, THAT IS AS TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, THERE WERE NO ARGUMENTS. THE LATTER JUST SENT GUNBOATS AND THAT TERMINATED THE ARGUMENT. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GAVE WAY.

AND AGAIN THIS RAISED MANY QUESTIONS BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY WHO FELT THAT THE PARACELS AND THE SPRATLEYS AND SOME PARTS OF FEEDOM LAND, OVER WHICH WE HAVE ALWAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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CLAIMED SOVEREIGNTY, WERE IN THE SAME SITUATION. WHATEVER IT IS, FROM THOSE MOMENTS ON WE STARTED REVIEWING, RE-ASSESSING THE DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS.

SO, I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE TODAY, THAT WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE DAYS, I WILL MAKE A FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER.

THERE IS NO HOSTILITY WHICH MOTIVATES THE REASSESSMENT. IT IS AN INQUIRY ON THE PART OF A YOUNGER BROTHER ADDRESSED TO AN OLDER BROTHER ON WHOM HE HAS DEPENDED NOT BECAUSE OF SPECIAL RELATIONS BUT BECAUSE OF WRITTEN TREATIES AND AGREEMENTS, SIGNED BY THE DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS AND RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED BY THE RESPECTIVE CONGRESSES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. PRUDENCE REQUIRES ANY POLITICAL LEADER IN THE AREA TODAY

TO LOOK INTO THESE MATTERS IN VIEW OF THE DEBACLE IN THE INDOCHINA AREA. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS OF THE US SENATE HAS REVIVED THE TERMS "SPECIAL FEELINGS." I QUOTE HIM, "WE HAVE ONLY SPECIAL FEELINGS TOWARDS THE PHILIPPINES." A VERY BROAD AND ALL EMBRACING SUGGESTION BUT, CERTAINLY, AS A LEADER I CANNOT DEPEND ON A STATEMENT LIKE THAT IN THE EVENT OF ANY AGGRESSION. WOULD YOU? YOU WOULD NOT. IT BECOMES, THEREFORE, MY RESPONSIBILITY, AS IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY LEADER NOW EVEN AT THE RISK OF BEING MISUNDERSTOOD BY YOUR FRIEND AND BROTHER, TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE BY SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THOSE TRATIES.

IT IS MY INTENTION THAT WE NOW MUST DISCARD AMENITIES AND, IF NECESSARY, THE USUAL CEREMONIES OR CEREMONIAL COURTESIES IN THESE DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS AND GO INTO THE CRUX, INTO THE VERY PROBLEM OF SURVIVAL UNDER OUR PRESENT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

WILL THE PHILIPPINES SURVIVE ANY, AND I SAY ANY, SITUATION THAT MAY DEVELOP NOT ONLY IN THE REGION BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD? THIS IS UPPERMOST IN MY MIND. AND THIS IS WHY, WHILE THE STUDIES HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS, ON APRIL FIRST I ISSUED AN ORDER DIRECTED TO THE IMPORTANT AGENCIES OF GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE TO DO WITH STRATEGIC STUDIES

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TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTIONS THAT NOW CROP UP: ARE THOSE BASES NECESSARY FOR OUR DEFENSE OR ARE THEY LIABILITIES? WHAT HAPPENS IN THE EVENT THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE EXISTENCE OF THOSE BASES, THE AMERICAN CONGRESS FOLLOWS THE SAME COURSE OF ACTION THAT IT HAS FOLLOWED IN INDOCHINA?

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THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT LOGICALLY ARISE. THEY ARE NOT INTENDED TO EMBARRASS THE UNITED STATES, THEY ARE NOT INTENDED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION OR TO BLUFF THE UNITED STATES INTO GIVING US MORE AID AND MORE HELP--NO. WE HAVE STOOD OUR GROUND ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT ON INTERNAL PEACE AND SECURITY WE DO NOT WANT ANY FOREIGN TROOPS FIGHTING WITHIN OUR SHORES.

WE HAVE REFUSED TO ALLOW ANY FOREIGN TROOPS WITHIN OUR SHORES WHEN IT INVOLVES CIVIL ORDER. CIVIL DISORDER WITHIN UNCLASSIFIED

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THE COUNTRY--THIS WE WILL ATTEND TO OURSELVES. BUT CERTAINLY, WE MUST KNOW, IF THE SITUATION BECOMES WORSE AND THE DANGER WE FACE IS NOT MERELY A MATTER OF CIVIL DISORDER WITHIN THE COUNTRY BUT THAT OF EXTERNAL AGGRESSION, WHETHER ALL THESE SIGNED AGREEMENTS ARE OF ANY VALUE. IF THEY ARE OF LESS VALUE THAN THEY WERE BEFORE, WHAT STEPS SHOULD WE TAKE?

KNOWING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF AMERICA, I AM CERTAIN THAT THEY WILL WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY THAT IS GIVEN BY THIS TRAIN OF EVENTS.

WE ARE AWARE OF THE PRBLEMS BEING FACED BY AMERICA.
IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS INQUIRY HAS TO BE MADE AT A TIME
WHEN AMERICA IS HAVING SUCH DIFFICULTIES. WE WISH THAT WE
COULD DISPENSE WITH THE INQUIRY BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE SUR-
VIVAL OF OUR PEOPLE, SURVIVAL OF OUR COUNTRY DEMANDS THAT
THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP SPEAK UP NOW, NOT AT ANY OTHER
TIME, BUT NOW. AND THAT WE SIT DOWN LIKE BROTHERS AND
DETERMINE FOR OURSELVES WHAT IS GOOD FOR AMERICA AND WHAT
IS GOOD FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

LET NOT ONE PARTY OR THE OTHER FEEL THAT HE IS BEING
PUSHED INTO ANY EMBARRASSING SITUATION. THE TYRANNY OF
THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE CROPPED UP MUST BE ACCEPTED.

THE REALITY OF THE SITAUTION IS THERE; WE MUST DEAL WITH IT.
AND FROM MY POINT OF VIEW AS THE LEADER OF OUR POEPLLE,
I HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE BUT TO INSIST THAT WE NOW SIT
DOWN AND REVIEW ALL THESE AGREEMENTS. IT IS MY INTENTION
THEREFORE THAT IN THIS REVIEW, WE WILL MEET, AS USUAL, AS
FRIENDS, BUT, I REPEAT, WE MUST DISPENSE WITH ALL THE
AMENITIES, ALL ALLEGATIONS ABOUT SPECIAL FEELINGS, SPECIAL
RELATIONS, BECAUSE IN TIME OF EMERGENCY, WE HAVE FOUND THAT
THOSE SPECIAL RELATIONS MAY NOT BE ENOUGH AND SUFFICIENT
TO PROTECT US.

THIS THEN IS THE MESSAGE THAT I GIVE TO YOU TODAY AND
I HOPE THAT IN YOUR STUDIES YOU WILL DELVE DEEPER INTO THE
SUBJECT. I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING SOME KIND OF A WRIT-
TEN STUDY ON THE MATTER. I AM CERTAIN THAT WITH THE BRIGHT
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MINDS THAT ARE IN THE DEFENSE COLLEGE OF THE PHILIPPINES,
WE WILL COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT CAN BE UTILIZED FOR
THE NEGOTIATIONS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR GRADUATION. AND I AM CERTAIN
THAT YOU WILL HELP IN THE PLANNING, IN THE DECISION-MAKING
THAT ARE NECESSARY NOT ONLY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF OUR COUNTRY
BUT ALSO FOR ITS PROGRESS.

ONCE AGAIN, IN CONGRATULATE YOU, IN CONGRATULATE THE
STAFF AND THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND I HOPE THAT
THE DEFENSE COLLEGE WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE UP TO THE EXPEC-
TATIONS OF ALL ITS ADMIRERS, OF WHICH I'M ONE.

THANK YOU. END QUOTE.
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